THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) 18 States/Union Territories have linked minimum wages fixed under the Minimum wages Act with the Consumer Price Index Number. The increased payment made on account of increase in the Consumer Price Index is known as Variable Dearncss Allowance. A statement showing state-wise position of the states who pay variable Dearncss Allowance alongwith minimum wages and who do not pay, is at Annexure. *[See* Appendix 185, Annexure No. 43]

(c) to (c) There is no proposal to have statutory linkage of minimum wages with the price index because most of the Statcs/Untion Territories have established this linkage on voluntary basis.

Unemployed Persons in the Country

1622. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) The Total number ot unemployeu people in the country, such as engineers, doctors post graduates, matriculates, etc. category-wise as on 30th June, 1998;

(b) How many people got employment during the period form 1st April, 1997 to 30th June, 1998, category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Category-wise number of educated job seekers (matric & above), all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed on the Live Register of various Employment Exchanges in the country as on 30th June, 1995, (Lates a available) and the placement made during 01.01.1994 to 30.06.1995 are given in the statement dven below.

Statement

Number of Educated persons on Live Register and placed in Employment through Employment Exchanges

(in thousand)

Decription	Number on Live Register as on 30.06.1995	No. placed in Employment during 1.1.94 to 30.6.95
1. Matrie	14070.8	74.7
2. 12th Class Passed	5897.2	27.0
3. Graduates	3713.6	43.7
4. Post Graduates	482.8	5.7
*5. Dimploma Holders in Engineering Technology	404.5	5.5
*6. Engineers (Graduates & Post Graduates)	160.9	2.2
*7. Medicine (Graduates & Post Graduates)	31.5	1.3
GRAND TOTAL (1 to 4)	24164.4	149.4

* Included in item 1 to 4